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April 15 Application Deadline Nears for Harford County Tourism-Related Grant Funding

BEL AIR, Md., (April 4, 2016) - Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, for eligible organizations seeking Harford County tourism-related grant funding in the fiscal year 2017. Applications must be received before the deadline via U.S. Mail or hand delivery to the Office of Economic Development in order to be considered for grant funding in the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2016. The Harford County Office of Economic Development is located at 2021-D Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, Md., 21078.

Annual tourism-related grants from Harford County government support cultural, historical, museum, eco-tourism, and sports-tourism activities that draw visitors from outside the county and generate economic benefits through admissions, dining, gas purchases, and, potentially, overnight stays. Eligibility is limited to 501(c)3 and 501(c)6 organizations whose programs or operations assist in the promotion of Harford County as a premier tourism destination.

The grant program initiated by County Executive Barry Glassman is funded entirely by revenue generated from visitors to Harford County, through the hotel lodging fee first implemented in March 2015. The program is administered by the Harford County Economic Development Advisory Board's Tourism Activity Related Committee, which makes award recommendations to County Executive Glassman.

Applications are available online at www.harfordcountymd.gov/oed by clicking on "EDAB/Tourism Competitive Grant Application"; hard copies are also available at branches of the Harford County Public Library. For more information, please contact Eva Hanley at 410-638-3059 or at ehanley@harfordcountymd.gov.